



**H.Res. 508 – Recognizing the strong security alliance between the Government of Japan and the United States and expressing appreciation to Japan for its role in enhancing stability in the Asia-Pacific region and its efforts in the global war against terrorism**

**Floor Situation**

H.Res. 508 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Jim Saxton (R-NJ) on January 5, 2007. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, and was reported out by voice vote.

H.Res. 508 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House of Representatives on September 5, 2007.

**Summary**

H.Res. 508 recognizes Japan as one of the most reliable security partners of the United States.

Additionally, the legislation expresses appreciation for Japan's efforts in the global war against terrorism and commends the Government of Japan for its role in enhancing stability in the Asia-Pacific Region.

**Background**

The United States-Japan alliance is the cornerstone of United States security interests in Asia and the Pacific. It is fundamental to regional stability and prosperity.

Under the United States-Japan Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security, Japan hosts a carrier battle group, the III Marine Expeditionary Force, the 5th Air Force, and elements of the Army's I Corps.

After the tragic events of September 11, 2001, Japan has participated significantly in the global war on terrorism by providing troops, aircraft, and logistical support for Operation Iraqi Freedom, a commitment which the Japanese Government recently renewed.

Japan also pledged its support in cooperating with the United States to move towards eliminating the threat of Ballistic Missiles.

**Cost**

At the time of publication the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) had not yet scored H.Res. 508.

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